

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 0055 of the specification as follows:

Although the invention has been described in detail with reference to a few preferred versions, other versions are possible. For example, FIG. 21 shows a conveying system with a wireless communications link. But a direct, ohmically connected link could be used as well to transmit messages. It is further possible to mix and match various features described in some versions with those shown in other versions. For example, the cog belt and cog wheel shown with the modular conveyor belt could be used in the slat chain conveyor, and the rack and pinion drive of the slat chain could be used in the modular conveyor belt. Many methods of coupling power to and establishing a communications link with the transport elements can be used equivalently in various versions of the invention. So, as these few examples suggest, the scope of the invention is not meant to be limited to the specific versions described in detail.